



## United States Department of the Interior

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In Reply Refer To:  
U.S. Geological Survey  
Attention: Freedom of Information Act Officer  
5522 Research Park Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21228

November 3, 2015

Ms. Ashley Palomaki  
Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10  
1200 6th Avenue, Suite 900  
Seattle, WA 98101

Re: U.S. Geological Survey Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) FOIA Tracking # 2015-00021 – Third Referral of Records

Dear Ms. Palomaki:

While processing a Freedom of Information Act request from the Steptoe & Johnson LLP, dated October 22, 2014, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) located 10 pages of emails sent between Mr. Robert (Bob) Seal and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) employees. These emails substantially involve and concern the EPA and the Pebble Mine Project in southwest Alaska.

I have enclosed **766 pages** of emails that originated within the EPA to process and respond directly to Steptoe & Johnson LLP, as follows:

- Bob Seal 2012 Emails (506 pages)
- Bob Seal 2013 Emails (194 page)
- Bob Seal 2014 Emails (66 pages)

I have not included the attachments with the emails because Steptoe previously agreed to exclude the email attachments from consideration. The USGS does not object to the full release of the USGS's portion of the emails.

We will notify Steptoe & Johnson, LLP that they will receive a direct response from your office regarding the additional 766 pages of emails.

If you have any questions, you may contact me by phone at (443) 498-5521, by fax at (443) 498-5510, by email at [bmay@usgs.gov](mailto:bmay@usgs.gov), or by mail at 5522 Research Park Drive, Baltimore, MD 21228.

Sincerely,

Brian A. May  
U.S. Geological Survey  
Freedom of Information Act Officer